

# CZAR'S WARSHIPS AROUSE JAPAN.

Squadron Threatens Corea and a Clash in Orient Is Feared.

YOKOHAMA, Japan, March 27.—A war scare is growing to large proportions here. The long-threatened clash with Russia over Corea is believed to be drawing near.

A Russian squadron has arrived at Chemulpo, in Corea, and it is believed here that this presages a demand for a concession of land at Masango, which so far Japanese diplomacy has prevented.

Uneasy comments are appearing in the semi-official press, and there is remarkable activity at the naval and military centres. Pro-Russian feeling is very strong and anti-Russian utterances are common in the press.

LONDON, March 27.—Events in the Far East are being closely watched by the Foreign Office. The despatch of a squadron to reinforce that on the Chinese station is believed to have more bearing on affairs in Corea than at Taku in China, which is being made the excuse by Great Britain and the United States to get their warships near Korean waters.

The arrival of a Russian squadron at Chemulpo is considered a bad sign, as Great Britain will assist Japan in any trouble with Russia. The tension over the Masango foreshadowing of long standing. Japan is said to have flooded Corea with her troops disguised as coolie laborers.

## WARSHIPS TO CHINA; BIG BATTLE FOUGHT.

PEKING, China, March 27.—The "boxer" movement in the North is assuming alarming proportions. News has been received here that an indecisive, but severe, fight has taken place between the "boxers" and Imperial troops at Yen-Chiu, province of Chi-Li.

Each force numbered about fifteen hundred men, and there were heavy casualties on both sides.

SHANGHAI, March 27.—A private despatch received here confirms the report that a British missionary has been killed at Kaiping.

HONG KONG, March 27.—The

British cruiser *Hermione* sailed today for Taku River, where the United States gunboat *Wheeling* is already stationed. A British mission has been murdered.

Joint action by the powers is fore-shadowed, and warships are converging at the Taku River.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—It is admitted here that the crisis in China is serious. Besides the *Wheeling*, the battleship *Oregon*, and the cruisers *Newark* and *New Orleans* are on the China coast. The "boxers" are the secret society bent on driving the foreigners out of China. They are instigated by the Chinese Empress-Dowager, who is backed by Russia.

## CONGRESS TOLD OF OUR "OPEN DOOR" AGREEMENT.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—A great diplomatic victory has been won by the United States in China. All the great powers have assented to Secretary Hay's demand for the "open door" for trade in China, and the completed correspondence was laid before Congress today.

All the powers—Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan have agreed, according to the correspondence, to the following conditions, prepared by Secretary Hay for the maintenance of equal trade privileges in China.

### OUR CONDITIONS.

1. That it will in no wise interfere with any treaty port or any vested interest within any so-called "sphere of interest" or leased territory it may have in China.
2. That the Chinese treaty tariff of the time being shall apply to all merchandise landed or shipped to all such ports as are within such "spheres of interest" (unless they be "free ports") no matter to what nationality it may belong, and that duties so leviable shall be collected by the Chinese Government.
3. That it will levy no higher harbor dues on vessels of another

nationality frequenting any port in such "sphere" than shall be levied on vessels of its own nationality, and no higher railroad charges over lines built, controlled or operated within its "sphere" on merchandise belonging to citizens or subjects of other nationalities transported through such "sphere" than shall be levied on similar merchandise belonging to its own nationality transported over equal distances.

### NOTES TO THE POWERS.

The correspondence extended over a period of time from Sept. 5 last to the 20th inst., the last date marking the successful completion of the undertaking. The nations addressed on this subject by the United States were Great Britain, France, Germany, Russia, Italy and Japan.

On Sept. 6 the State Department addressed to our Ambassadors at London, Berlin and St. Petersburg copies of a "formal declaration" setting out the desires of our Government in the matter of the "open door." Italy and Japan were similarly addressed about a month later.

To the representations of Secretary Hay the powers gave their formal assent. Great Britain answering first, Germany next and the others following.

## DIVEKEEPER GIVES BOND.

Ousan, of the Cairo, Arraigned Before Recorder Coff.

Jvaile Ousan, proprietor of the Cairo, in West Twenty-ninth street, one of the five men indicted for dive-keeping, was arraigned before Recorder Coff this afternoon. He was held in \$100.

Dani was furnished by Patrick J. Byrne, of 165 East Thirty-first street. The proceedings were brief and Ousan walked out smiling.

Two of the dive-keepers gave bond yesterday. The remaining two to be brought before the Recorder are Akron, of the Tivoli, and "Dobe" Harley, of the Dore and the Pekin.

Akron, it is said, is ill and absconded. Akron's whereabouts are apparently unknown.

## TELEPHONE CHANGE.

Transfer to American T. & T. Co. Resigned—Marriages 18 Per Cent. for 1900.

March 27.—The stockholders of the American Bell Telephone Company yesterday ratified the recommendation of the board that the real estate and equipment, except its ownership in the Long-Distance Telephone Company, be transferred to the American Telephone and Telegraph Company.

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## ELI SHAW CONFESSED.

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company Miss Wood to his counsel's office in Camden to deny the story.

"Why wouldn't you go?"

"I didn't think it of enough importance."

Shaw further said that he had refused to talk to reporters about the story.

Despite Miss Wood's revelation, Shaw is safe from punishment.

The District Attorney declares that having been tried and acquitted on the charge of murder Shaw cannot be put on trial again for the same crime.

## STUCK AT LAWYER.

A sensational feature of the trial of Shaw for the murder of Miss Wood was the fact that the defendant was stuck at the lawyer's office for several days.

When Judge Carrow, associate counsel for the State, opened his address to the jury, he commented upon the character of Miss Wood, and declared that when Shaw fired of her she became angry and her testimony was given out of revenge.

As court adjourned and the lawyers were leaving the jury room, Shaw was seen to be in a state of great excitement, and was being escorted by a guard.

Approaching Judge Carrow, she declared: "What do you mean by speaking of me in that manner?"

At the same time she raised her hand to slap his face, but was held back by the guard. She then turned and ran away.

Lawyer Harrison Voorhees caught the fleeing hand of Miss Wood before she could strike.

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## VALUES OF FRANCHISES.

First Hearing of Tax Board Brings Out Big Figures.

(Special to The Evening World.) ALBANY, March 27.—The first of a series of hearings was granted today by the State Board of Tax Commissioners to the representatives of New York city corporations which are to be taxed under the provisions of the Ford Franchise Tax law.

The object of today's hearing was to receive the protests of the corporations against the tentative valuations which have been placed on their franchises by the State Board. The corporations represented and the tentative valuations of their franchises were as follows:

Consolidated Telephone and Electric Company, \$1,500,000  
Empire City Subway Company, \$1,275,000  
New York and Queens County Railroad Company, \$1,215,000  
State Island Electric Railroad Company, \$60,000  
Tribune (Newspaper) Company, \$23,000  
Long Island Electric Railroad Company, \$23,000  
Brooklyn and Richmond Railroad Company, \$13,000  
New York and Westchester Railroad Company, \$10,000  
Long Island Railroad Company, \$9,000  
New York Mail and Newspaper Transportation Company, \$7,000

The Empire City Subway Company, represented by ex-Judge William N. Cohen, objected to its valuation by the State Board. Judge Cohen stated that its property was assessed last year at \$1,125,000.

Samuel A. Boardley, speaking for the Consolidated Telephone and Electric Company, said that to place a five-million-dollar valuation on the company's franchise amounted practically to a confiscation of the company's property. It would, he declared, reduce its earnings one-half.

Mr. Boardley reminded the Board that the company's contract with the city may be terminated at any time, and the fact, he said, detracted materially from the value of the company's franchise.

The Standard Oil Company was represented by Lewis E. Carr. He held that the valuation of \$13,800 placed on the franchise of the company was excessive. He presented proof to show that a large amount of the property of the company was situated on private property, and therefore was not subject to the tax.

The Coney Island and Brooklyn Railroad Company and the Brooklyn and New York Railroad Company were represented by William Dykeman. The valuation placed the franchise of the former company at \$2,200. This Mr. Dykeman contended should be reduced to \$700,000. The road of that company runs to a large extent over private rights of way, and this had evidently not been taken into consideration. He was given until Saturday to file affidavits.

Seventeen franchise rights of New York City corporations, already considered by the State Board, are valued at \$15,000,000, and the estimated tax upon these franchises is \$300,000.

## TAXES TEN POINTS LOWER

President Feltner Makes Prediction for Current Year Based on Franchise Revenues.

President Feltner, of the Department of Taxes, said today that in his opinion the tax rate for the current year would be ten points lower than it was last year.

Mr. Feltner said his opinion was based on anything beyond his general knowledge of the department. The reduction in tax rate is supposed to be based on the assumption that the franchise tax law will add \$100,000 to the revenues of the city.

## PROBE FOR THIRD AVENUE.

The Grand Jury is Trying to Learn Who Wrecked the Road.

The Grand Jury turned its attention to the Third Avenue Railroad Company today.

It will endeavor to find out what men are responsible for the wrecking of that magnificent property, who were enriched thereby and how it came to pass that the great contracts for changing the motive power of the road from cable to electric so soon after it had been expensively changed from horse to cable, went not to the lowest bidder, but to the highest, the firm which had the means of commanding political and official influence, Naughton & Co.

John D. Crimmins, who was able to do similar work for the Metropolitan Traction roads at a lower rate and still make good profit, and who knows more about such things than any other contractor in New York, was subpoenaed last night, but he is ill today and was unable to put in an appearance.

Mr. Crimmins's brother, T. E. Crimmins, of the firm of T. E. Crimmins & Co., a lower bidder, had an unsuccessful one, for the Third Avenue work—because it did not have "influence"—may be called.

Ex-Judge McMahon was the first witness. "I do not know why I have been subpoenaed," he said to an Evening World reporter. "But I got the summons last night and here I am. The connection of Naughton & Co. with the Third Avenue road was entirely open and above board."

Mr. McMahon was soon ushered before the Board.

Commissioner of Highways Keating was the next witness to appear. After him came the Taxation Hall Justice Isaac Hopper, who is understood to be the man who originally got the fat commission and turned it over to Naughton & Co.

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## OTIS FEELS WAR STRAIN.

General Breaking Down Under Hard Work.

(Copyright, 1900, by The Press Publishing Company, New York World.) (Special Cable Despatch from The Evening World's Correspondent in Hong Kong.) HONG KONG, March 27.—Gen. Otis is on the verge of collapse. Surgeons say that he must return to the United States soon or he will break down mentally. His own friends admit it and declare he ought to return immediately.

There is growing indignation among the army surgeons because Otis refuses to leave to officers and men, whose cases demand immediate return to a temperate climate. Unnecessary deaths occur as the result.

The transport *Sheridan* left Manila on March 6 with a lot of military prisoners.

Against the protests of the surgeons Otis sent as guards for the prisoners men from the Philippine army. There scarcely able to stand on their feet. They are expected to do two hours on and four off duty in the hold of the transport in a tropical sea.

This ought to be investigated when the *Sheridan* reaches San Francisco. Guerrillas and ladrones are so active that we are burning towns wherever the telegraph wires are cut or ambushes are attempted.

## \$1,303,000 TO MANILA.

His Consignment of Cash Hauled Through the Streets of This City.

A shipment of \$1,303,000 for the payment of Uncle Sam's soldiers in the Philippines left the Sub-Treasury today.

There were \$600,000 in gold coin, packed in wooden boxes, each containing \$20,000; the same sum in bills, packed in three iron safes, and the balance, consisting of minor coin, packed in cartridge boxes.

The money was hauled down Broadway under guard of eight soldiers, commanded by Lieut. Moore, of the regular army. The detachment was cheered along the route.

The two trucks containing the money were driven to the United States transport *Sumner*, which will leave for Manila tomorrow. On the voyage the money will be under the care of Major George E. Pickett, Paymaster, U. S. V.

This is the first large shipment of money sent from this city to the Philippines.

## PARIS FAIR ON APRIL 14.

The French Cabinet Fixes the Date for the Official Opening.

PARIS, March 27.—At a Cabinet council today, at which M. Loubet presided, it was decided to officially inaugurate the Paris Exposition on April 14.

## BULLER LIKES THE MAINS.

British General Cables He Hopes American Hospital Ship Will Return to Durban.

LONDON, March 27.—In response to the Executive Committee's request that the American hospital ship *Maine* be permitted to remain in South African waters, Gen. Buller has cabled as follows from Ladysmith:

"We think that the ship in going to England confers the greater benefit upon the sick and wounded, and with her excellent medical staff she best aids in that way the evacuation of our congested hospital of bad cases. The *Trentham* and *Spartan* are ample for local transfers. If the *Maine* goes we hope she will return as soon as possible."

## CAR RAN DOWN MOUNTAIN.

One Man Killed and Seven Hurt in the Wreck—Transcended by a Splitter.

BRADFORD, Pa., March 27.—One of the large passenger cars of the Olean, Rock City and Bradford Electric Railroad ran away down the mountain side beyond Red Rock early this morning, about nine miles east of this place, and the wreck resulted in the loss of one life and the injury of seven others.

J. C. Marsh, Bradford, an oil well worker, twenty-three, was killed. The injured are: Ed. Harris, Bradford, will die; Edward Norton, Sterling Run, Pa., left leg broken; E. N. Hunter, Dallas, Lenoire County, Pa., crushed; J. J. Reardon, Bradford, conductor; J. Wheeler, Bradford, motorman; Lawrence Pina, Red Rock, hurt internally; John Windward, Bradford, and A. J. Doherty, Bradford.

At the point where the accident occurred the road winds around a sharp hillside. Going down the hill the car ran away and jumped the track and went crashing into the ditch.

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## TRIED TO KILL BABY.

Mrs. Schreyer Dashed Infant Granddaughter's Head Against Wall.

As a result of violent wrangles with her daughter-in-law, who whom she lived at 124 Lenox avenue, Mrs. Schreyer tried to kill her infant granddaughter by dashing her brains out against the wall and then attempted suicide.

Mrs. Schreyer seized the baby, and exclaiming "There, take your brat!" dashed it against the wall of the flat. Then she rushed to her room, and turning on the gas sought to die.

The child was badly bruised, but her injuries were pronounced not serious by a physician summoned in haste by the grief-stricken mother.

After the infant had been bandaged and given an opiate, Mrs. Tupper, the baby's mother, sought Mrs. Schreyer.

A strong smell of gas hastened her steps toward her mother-in-law's room. She found the door locked, but burst it in. There on the bed lay Mrs. Schreyer breathing faintly. She awakened from her death-like stupor for a moment and moaned, "I'm so sorry, let me die, I deserve it."

An ambulance was called in haste and Mrs. Schreyer taken to the hospital, a prisoner. She will probably live.

## N'KINLEY A TIPLER.

Methodist Conference in Hot Fight Over the President's Drinking Habits.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 27.—President McKinley was roundly censured for setting aside the Anti-Canteen law and just missed being censured by resolution for personal drinking by the Methodist Episcopal Conference here today.

A resolution requesting the General Conference to censure the President for his stand on the Anti-Canteen law and to censure him for drinking liquor was adopted after the personal reference to the President's drinking was stricken out.

The conference represents Delaware and a part of Maryland and the Temperance Committee is hot on McKinley's trail.

It presented another resolution which condemned President McKinley, as a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for public and private intemperance. This precipitated a hot discussion and was finally defeated by a vote of 67 to 45.

## BREWER HUBER'S MILLIONS.

Wife, Daughter and a Brother to Share Estate—Will Filed.

No Schedule. The will of Otto Huber, the millionaire brewer, who died at the Hotel Margate March 22, was filed for probate at the Surrogate's office, Brooklyn, today. No valuation or schedule is given, but the estate is estimated to be worth between two and three millions.

The will, dated Feb. 27, 1900, makes the brewer's mother and wife, his daughter Josephine and his attorney, John F. Clarke, executors. His daughter Josephine is to have a vote in the estate on reaching her majority. Mr. Clarke is valued at \$250,000 annually as trustee and executor.

To his wife Mr. Huber gave \$25,000, to be paid immediately after the will was probated. To his mother an option on purchasing any portion of the estate at cost price was given. Three thousand dollars was set aside for his daughter Josephine's education. Mr. Huber was 67 years old when he died.

In event of her marrying the widow forfeits all interest in the estate outside of her annuity. On reaching twenty-one years the daughter is to be paid \$30,000 outright.

The estate is then to be divided equally between widow and daughter, and in case of the widow's remarriage to go entirely to the daughter. The will was witnessed by Dr. Joseph Meyer and District Attorney Clarke.

## TRIED TO SHOOT IN SCHOOL.

Fugate Attacks and Policeman Stabbed in Subduing Maniac Chasing His Wife.

There was wild excitement in the Montclair (N. J.) High School just before noon today. Axel Lundahl, the husband of the janitress, appeared at the main entrance and asked for his wife. He was drunk, and when the woman appeared he began to abuse and threaten her. Mrs. Lundahl, in flight, ran up the main stairs of the school leading to the assembly room.

Lundahl followed and drawing a revolver tried to shoot his wife. The woman's screams and the general uproar alarmed the pupils, and it was with great difficulty they were held in the classroom.

Mrs. Lundahl succeeded in dodging the man until workmen at the school overpowered him.

Two policemen were summoned, and after they had taken the pistol from Lundahl he drew a knife and stabbed one of the officers in the arm. He was finally subdued and locked up.

## LIBRIAN NAVY SUNK.

Two Gunboats of the African Republic Have Gone to the Bottom.

LONDON, March 27.—Admiral von Manrovia, the capital of the African Republic of Liberia, announces the destruction of the Liberian navy, consisting of two gunboats.

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## HELD FOR GOEBEL PLOT.

Caleb Powers Not Allowed Bail by Frankfort Court.

## SCORED BY THE JUDGE.

Was an Accomplice, Moore Declares, but Did Not Shoot the Governor.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 27.—Republican Secretary of State Caleb Powers, accused of complicity in the plot to murder Gov. Goebel, was held without bail by Judge Moore today.

In holding the defendant Judge Moore said: "It is not my belief that Powers fired the shot which killed Gov. Goebel, but from the evidence it is my opinion that he was connected with the conspiracy to kill him. I shall therefore order the prisoner be held over without bail; to the Franklin County Grand Jury that the case may be further investigated."

After the Powers case had been disposed of Judge Moore asked if the Commonwealth was ready to take up one of the other cases, that of Capt. John Davis, or William H. Culton, who are charged with being accessories to the assassination.

The fourth day of the examining trial of Powers began with the court-room cleared of all persons excepting attorneys, newspaper representatives and officers of the court.

Gov. Brown, for the defense, announced that no testimony would be introduced for the defense and they would waive further examination.

The pardon issued to Powers by Gov. Taylor was tendered by ex-Gov. Brown as a bar to the prosecution and he asked that the defendant be dismissed.

Col. Campbell said the Commonwealth denied Gov. Taylor's right to issue a pardon at the time the pardon was granted. Gov. Brown moved that the prisoner be dismissed upon the evidence. The motion was overruled. Bail was asked for and refused.

Caleb Powers is the Republican Secretary of State of Kentucky under Gov. Taylor's regime. After the assassination he was at once made the object of Democratic attacks. He concealed himself in the Executive Building and defied warrants for his arrest.

Finally he escaped in disguise, but was arrested at Lexington and taken back to Frankfort. The next day Gov. Taylor had issued a pardon for him. Powers is accused of having brought the mountaineers to Frankfort.

## NEW GOEBEL ARREST.

Youtsey, "The Man with the Black Mustache," Charged with Being Accessory.

FRANKFORT, Ky., March 27.—Detectives today arrested H. E. Youtsey, Republican Auditor Sweeney's private secretary, as the man with the black mustache whom Golden mentioned in his testimony as the man to whom John Powers gave the key to the office of Caleb Powers.

Youtsey is a half-brother of L. J. Crawford, a prominent Republican of Newport. The warrant charges him with being an accessory before the fact to the murder of Gov. Goebel.

## N'KINLEY WON'T AID.

Cabinet Decides that Republicans in Kentucky Need No Federal Help.